(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in library. *See* No. L.T. 1773/97]

(v) (a) Annual Accounts of the Banaras Hindu University, (Volumes I and II) for the year ended 31st march, 1996, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in library. *See* LT 1774/97].

(vi) (a) Annual Report of the National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Annual Accounts of the National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96 and the Audit Report thereon.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (c) above. [Placed in library. *See* No. LT 1450/97].

Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution

SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR (Assam): Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Standing Committee on food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution:—

(i) Third Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the First Report of the Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (1996-97) of the Ministry of Food.

(ii) Fourth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution on Demands for Grants (1996-97) of Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Committee on Communications

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL (Madhya Pradesh): Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Ninth Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications (1996-97) on Selection of Multi Access Relay Radio (MARR) Technology relating to Department of Telecommunications.

Presentation of Petition

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam, I present a Petition signed by Dr. Shrikant Ramchandra Jichkar and Shri Janardhana Poojary Members, Rajya Sabha regarding problems faced by persons displaced due to setting up of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL).

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1997.

(II) The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1997.

(III) The Appropriation Bill, 1997.

(IV) The Reserve Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 1997.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha,

signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 20th March, 1997.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 20th March, 1997.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(III)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on 20th March, 1997.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(IV)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Reserve Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 20th March, 1997".

I lay a copy of each of the bills on the table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, yesterday, in the House a query was raised by Mr. Satish Agarwal and was supported by Mr. Salim. They mentioned above the laying of a paper by the Minister of Industry. He made a clarification about it and sent it to us. I am very happy that the Minister is so prompt that last evening, at 4 O' clock he sent me that letter. I would like him to explain about the paper which was laid yesterday. Please, Mr. Minister.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Madam, I am thankful to you that yesterday you were gracious enough to permit me to lay a paper on the Table of the House. There was a precedent on July 14, 1992. They laid it like that because it happened to be a draft notification. It did not contain the date or the number. While making a summary they made a slip, in a sense; they should have told us that it is a notification amending an earlier notification dated Ist January, 1992. It is not there and perhaps, because of that they arrived at that conclusion. Therefore, I have made it very clear that there is a precedent for that. It was done on July 14, 1992. Therefore, there is no discrepancy in that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you, very much. I hope everybody else would be so prompt. Let us know all the Members' queries.

RE. NEED TO REVAMP EDUCATION SYSTEM

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (RAJASTHAN): Thank you very much, madam Deputy Chairperson, for allowing me to raise an issue which affects India's future, i.e. the younger generation of the country, the student community of the country. I would not go into the details. Madam, we had raised this issue on 14th March in this House. I drew the attention of the Government at that time to the plight of the students with regard to the physics paper of Class XII.

Thereafter, Madam, I was very much concerned and perturbed while reading a newsitem. It said: Unhappy with the examination, a class VII girl commits